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OFFICE OF PETITIONS
DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW
FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed August 5, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

The Office will not decide request to withdraw from representation as practitioner of record which are filed after the patent has issued. Sections 2540 and 2542 of the Manuel of Patent Procedures (MPEP) explain that a practitioner does not have to request permission to withdraw as practitioner of record under 37 CFR 1.36 in order to change the address in a patented file and to directed notices, receipts and other communications relating to maintenance fees. These requests will be placed in the application but will not be treated on their merits. The above mentioned sections of the MPEP recommend the designation of a fee address or submission of a change in correspondence address in the patented file for directing correspondence relating to maintenance fee payments and other correspondences after issuance. See Form PTO/SB/47, entitled, *"Fee Address" Indication Form* and Form PTO/SB/123, entitled, *Change of Correspondence Address, Patent*

Accordingly, the request to withdraw from record cannot be approved because the request does not include an acceptable current correspondence address for future communications from the Office.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272-1642.

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